

daughter 'To-Kusan Parker. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Finance.

House bill to fix the time of holding the District Court in the seventh Judicial District. Read first and second times and referred to committee on the Judiciary.

House bill to amend the second section of an act to reorganize the 15th Judicial District, and regulate the time of holding courts therein. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Judiciary.

House bill to authorize the County Court of Anderson county to levy and collect a special tax for county purposes. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Militia.

Mr. Erath introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with the deepest regret of the recent death of Capt. Thomas Plaster, late door-keeper of the House, one of the soldiers of San Jacinto, an honest man and a true patriot. This body tenders to his bereaved family, its sincere sympathy for their loss.

In token of respect the Senate will now adjourn until to-morrow morning half-past 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, March 29th, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment—Mr. Guinn in the Chair—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

Mr. Walker, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, made the following reports :

The Public Land committee have considered the resolution requesting them to take into consideration the propriety of placing in market the alternate sections of land reserved by the State, out of the lands surveyed by the different railroad companies chartered by the State, and to report by bill or otherwise.

The committee have instructed me to report that said lands already being in market by virtue of an act of the Legislature, approved February 1st 1860, any further legislation on the point, and for that purpose is wholly unnecessary.

The Public Land committee have considered the memorial of Allen Engubart and Albert Johnson, praying the passage of a special law allowing them the exclusive privilege for a period of time, in which to purchase certain alternate sections of land,

&c., and have instructed me to report to the Senate that the legislation asked for is not proper and should not be had.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the Judiciary committee, made the following reports:

The Judiciary committee have considered a House bill to fix the time for holding the District Court in the seventh Judicial District, and direct me to return the same to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

The Judiciary committee have considered a House bill to amend the second section of an act to reorganize the fifteenth Judicial District, and to regulate the time of holding courts therein, and direct me to return the same to the Senate and recommend its passage.

Mr. Martin, chairman of the committee on Stock and Stock-raising, to whom was referred several bills to amend the act supplemental to an act to regulate estrays, approved February 5th 1861, reported a substitute and recommended its passage.

Mr. Miller, chairman of the committee on Finance, to whom was referred a bill to refund to S. P. Hollingsworth, money advanced by him for the State of Texas, and for services rendered, reported a substitute for the bill, and recommended its adoption.

On motion of Mr. Parsons, the report and bill was taken up. Read second time, and

Mr. Quinan moved to strike out all of the bill which relates to payment in the same manner as members of the Convention. Lost.

The rule was suspended and bill passed to a third reading.

Read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Blanch, Duggan, Guinn, Herbert, Lott, Martin, Miller, Parsons, Pitts, Quinan, Scarborough, Shepard and Whaley—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Chambers, Erath, Fall, Harmon, Hyde, Neal, Potter, Rains and Throckmorton—9.

Mr. Blanch introduced a bill to enable J. H. Saunders, the guardian of Webster J. Saunders, to remove the property of the ward, from the State of Texas. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Parsons introduced a bill to modify the provisions of an act of 30th January, 1854, granting land to railroads. Read first and second times, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Harmon introduced a bill to define the boundaries of Hopkins county. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on County Boundaries.

Mr. Stockdale of the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill concerning contested elections, reported the same back to the Senate with a substitute, and recommended the adoption of the substitute and the passage of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Stockdale, the report and bill was taken up.

Rule suspended, bill read and ordered to be engrossed.

Rule further suspended, read third time and passed.

The report of the Judiciary committee on the memorial of George W. Glasscock, asking to be discharged from the consideration thereof, was taken up and adopted.

The report of the Judiciary committee on a bill to amend an act authorizing and requiring the county courts to regulate roads &c., recommending that the bill do not pass, was taken up and adopted.

The report of the Judiciary committee on a bill to define the homestead not in a town or a city, recommending that the bill do not pass, was taken up and adopted.

The report of the judiciary committee on a bill to authorize and require all forced sales of real estate and negroes, and sales of real estate or negroes made by executors and administrators in the county of Nueces, to be made at the front door of the La Retama House in the city of Corpus Christi, recommending a substitute therefor, was taken up, substitute adopted and ordered to be engrossed.

Rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A bill to attach the unorganized counties of Wichita, Willbarger, Hardeman and Greer, to the county of Clay, so as to form one land district. Read third time and passed.

A bill in relation to the School Fund derivable from taxation, under the provisions of the second section of the tenth article of the Constitution of the State, being on third reading, Mr. Shepard moved to make it special order for Monday, 3 o'clock, P. M. Lost.

Bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Stockdale, Chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported a bill supplemental to an act, making an appropriation to defray the expenses of the Convention, passed 23rd March, 1861, and

A bill granting a pension to William H. Anderson, correctly enrolled, properly signed, and this day presented to the Governor.

The report of the Judiciary committee on a bill prescribing police regulations in respect to slaves, recommending that the bill do not pass, was taken up.

Mr. Lott moved to lay the report on the table. Lost.

The report was then adopted by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Duggan, Erath, Fall, Harmon, Herbert, Martin, Miller, Neal, Potter, Quinan, Rains, Scarborough, Schleicher, Shepard, Throckmorton and Whaley—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Chambers, Guinn, Lott, Parsons, Pitts, and Walker—6.

The report of the Judiciary committee, on the petition of John R. Hamilton and wife, asking to be discharged from the consideration thereof, was taken up and report adopted.

A bill to attach the county of Edwards to the county of Uvalde, for Judicial and other purposes, until organized. Read and ordered to be engrossed.

Rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Schleicher introduced a bill to amend an act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents upon surveys heretofore made, not in the form required by law, approved January 17th, 1860. Read first and second times, and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the report of the committee on Stock and Stock Raising, recommending a substitute, was taken up.

Rule suspended, bill read and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Miller moved to amend by adding the following :

Provided, That Houston county be, and is hereby excepted from the provisions of this act, and said supplemental act, and that the original act regulating estrays be and remain of force in said county as before the first meeting of this extra session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the amendment was laid on the table.

Rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

The report of the committee on Land Office, on a bill providing that no patent for land shall issue until the dues and patent fees shall be paid, recommending a substitute therefor, was taken up, bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Throckmorton, Messrs. Whaley and Walker were added to the committee on Reduction of Expenditures of State Government.

The President announced the receipt of a communication from the Comptroller, which is as follows :

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
Austin, March 28, 1861. }

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE :

Sir :—In accordance with a resolution passed on the 26th

inst., calling on this Office for certain information, I herewith submit a copy of a communication submitted to Gov. Clark, on the 21st inst., which it is thought will furnish the information desired :

The amount of ten per cent treasury warrants issued to date, is \$194,125 65, of which sum there has been paid into the Treasury, on account of various state dues, the sum of \$3,901-57, leaving the sum of \$190,224 08 still standing. There is still due upon the pay rolls on file in this office, the sum of \$35,160 94. The estimated expense of the minute companies called into the service last spring by Governor Houston, is \$40,000 00. And other outstanding and unaudited military claims accruing prior to the 2nd inst—exclusive of the six companies under the command of Col. Dalrymple ; may be estimated at a like sum, but in respect to the latter, this Office is without data to form a correct estimate. The above is also exclusive of forces called out by the Convention. By reference to an accompanying table, it will be apparent that by the creation of a two per cent. Sinking Fund for the redemption of the bonds and investing the same at eight per cent. per annum, the entire loan would be liquidated in less than twenty-one years.

The communication was referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Schleicher presented to the Chair, a communication from the Hon. I. A. Paschal, which is as follows :

AUSTIN, March 29th, 1861.

TO THE HON. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE :

Sir :—Allow me through you, to tender to the Honourable Senate, my resignation as Senator of Bexar county, proper. The resignation to take effect on this day.

Very respectfully,

I. A. PASCHAL.

The Secretary was instructed to transmit the same to the Executive Office.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, March 30, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Guinn in the Chair. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Duggan, from the committee on Claims and Accounts, made the following report: